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MAINE AUTUMN ...
COLOR IT WOW!

Only to see the treescape is reason enough to visit Maine in Autumn--and for this spectacular we invite you--but there is more in Maine's autumn! Lakes and ponds still offer good fishing through September 30. Small game and bird hunting begins October 1. Some of the scenic canoeing and boating waters are at their beautiful best. Can there be a better time for mountain climbing, and hiking, or riding horses? Golfing in the crisp fall air is exhilarating, and the scenic golf courses are --- more scenic!

Revel in the color! Bring your camera so you can capture some to keep for momento or to share with others when the season is gone. And while you're here visit some roadside stands of farm produce. Some of the displays make good color photos--better still, take home some of the apples, squash, pumpkins, jams or jellies, and have the fun of eating them, too!

But stay long enough to really enjoy it; there are plenty of motels, hotels, tourist homes, and sporting camps for accommodations. Most of the State Parks with camping facilities and many privately operated campgrounds are open thru mid-October or after.

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PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION SOURCES

Publications Mentioned in This Folder:

Official Highway Map - Maine Publicity Bureau
or Maine State Highway Commission,
State Office Building, Augusta, Maine 04330

Other Information and Publications about Maine:

Maine Department of Economic Development
Amherst Street, Augusta, Maine 04330

Maine Publicity Bureau
78 Gateway Circle, Portland, Maine 04102

State of Maine Information Center
48 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, N. Y. 10020

State of Maine Information Center
Laurentien Hotel, Dominion, Montreal, Canada

Other Information Centers:

Jct. of U. S. Rt. 1 & Me. Turnpike, Kittery, Maine

Bass Park, Bangor, Maine

U. S. Rt. 302, Fryeburg, Maine (summer only)

Maine Turnpike, North
Cumberland, Maine (summer only)

Internat'l Bridge, Calais, Maine (summer only)

All Local Chamber of Commerce Offices

The following ski areas have chair lifts. Some of them use their lifts for viewing fall foliage. To see if one will be operating in the area you want to visit, contact: Bald Mt.-Dedham; Eaton Mt.-Skowhegan; Enchanted Mt.-Jackman; Lost Valley-Auburn; Mt. Agamenticus-York; Pleasant Mt.-Bridgton; Saddleback Mt.-Rangeley; Squaw Mt.-Greenville; Sugarloaf Mt. -Kingfield (Gondola).

LEAF COLOR ...
AND HOW!

Mountainsides aflame with color in autumn sunshine--foliage reflected in lakes and ponds--the coastline accented by autumn's gift of color . . .

What causes the leaves to change? some to flaming scarlet, others deeper crimson, burnt orange or xanthophyll yellow -- all blending in a profusion of color. Frosts are not the primary cause. Yellow and orange pigments are present in the leaves during the summer but are masked by the predominant green chlorophyll, the substance which enables the foliage to derive energy from sunlight. At the end of the growing season the chlorophyll is destroyed faster than it is produced, and the other pigments, which have been accumulating over the summer, become predominant. Leafage colors are formed in part from sugar manufactured by the leaves and left after the growing season. Other chemical substances such as tannin and accumulated toxins either act on the sugars or, in themselves, give variations to the coloring. While frosts are not necessary for the turning of the leaves they accentuate and hasten the fall coloration.

Each tree plays its part in this symphony of color. Fine-toned yellows of poplars, birches, and beeches in concord with the coloring of the maples, working into a crescendo of brilliants. The somber oaks and ash provide rich bass tones with deep red, mahogany and browns. Muted, the oaks linger--an echo after the maple leaves have fallen.

THIS VACATION PLANNER

suggests only a few of the many, many good places to view fall foliage in Maine. To say we've listed the best spots would only display our limited outlook -- there are just too many *view*points! The purpose is to help you find some of the better ones. We tried!

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One in a series of Vacation Planners programmed by the Maine Department of Economic Development, available: 78 Gateway Circle, Portland, Maine 04102. Prospective visitors to Maine are interested in the "facts", and these brochures are designed with this in mind. We would appreciate receiving your comments.

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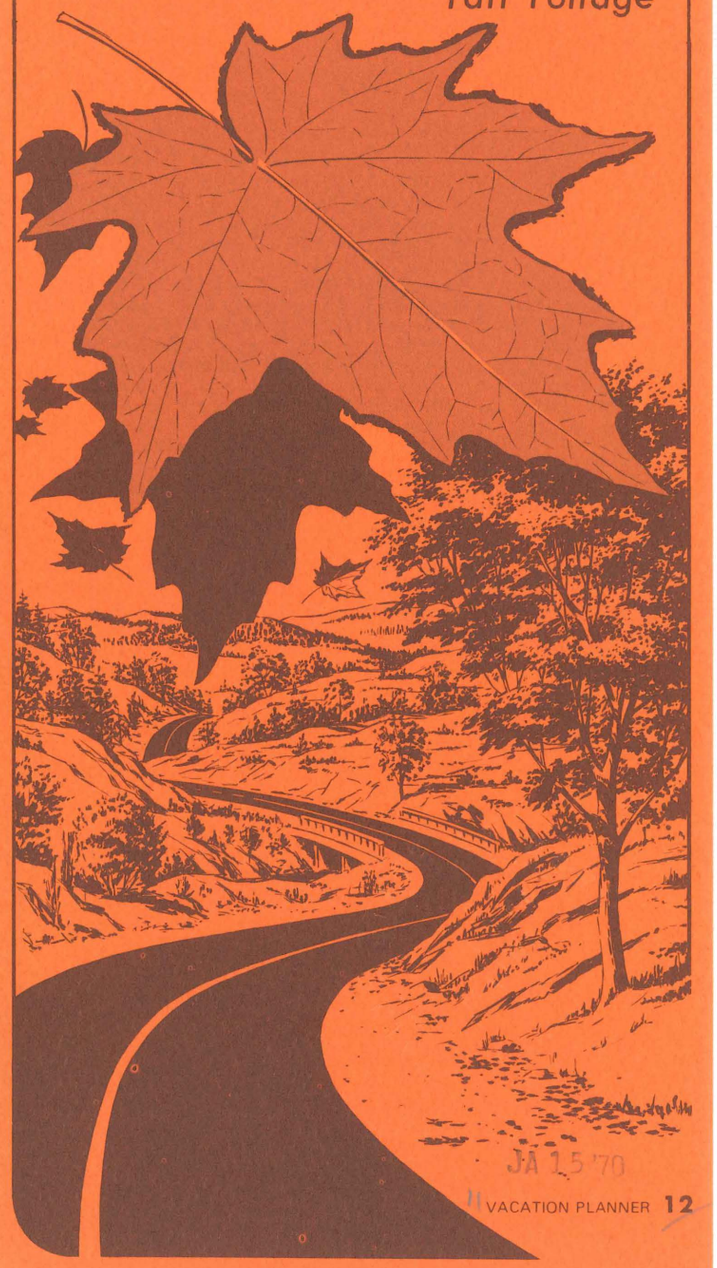

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SCENIC TRIPS

Some of the better view spots are grouped here into sequences for trips -- some quite short, some more extensive-- in the different sections of the state. Suggestions are made for specific places for good viewing.

You can readily adapt variations in these trips, starting at different towns, or traveling in opposite directions, or combining two or more trips, or parts of them. This small map may be helpful for visualizing these trips, or variants of them but we suggest using a regular size map for your actual planning and travel. See the Official State Highway Map of Maine, which also indicates Highway Rest Areas with picnic facilities.

Necessarily brief, abbreviations and word ommissions are frequent. -- are used instead of "to"; * indicates places or sections which our experience or reporters affirm to be very good. Other sections may have beauty spots along the way, but are listed primarily to help you plan a connected trip.

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Mid-Northwest:
A large L-shaped loop can start from any of the towns on the roads of this loop: US#201 n.--Rt#6, #15 near Jackman (along way: height n. of Lakewood; n. of Solon; Wyman L; side trip: Rt#16, e. of Moscow 3, 4 mi; 2, 3 mi. w. of Mayfield and w. of Kingsbury; side rd.--Caratunk--Pleasant Pond; Jackman, continue US#201 to Sandy Stream Mtn.); e. -- Moosehead L. through Rockwood (after leaving look back to Mt. Kineo) --Greenville (visit Simpson Hill; Blair Hill; Waldens Scenic Drive; Squaw Mtn; Indian Hill, Rt.#6 and #15, view n. overlooking Moosehead L.)--Dover-Foxcroft to Milo; Piscataquis River Rd.--Howland; Int#95 s. and w. --Newport; US#2--Skowhegan. Side trips: 2, 3 mi. n.e. of Athens on Rt#150; Rt#23 at both ends of Indian Pond between Ripley and St. Albans, and 1, 2 mi. s.w. of Hartland.

West Central:
Triple loop trip, or sections of it for shorter trips, can be started from most places touched by these roads: *Bethel n. on Rt#26,--*Grafton Notch,--*Upton--Errol, N.H.; Rt#16 n.e. above *Rangeley Lakes (Rangeley: *Dallas Hill) --Flagstaff L. (side trip: n. w. on *Rt#27 -- Coburn Gore and return); visit *Eustis Ridge (near Flagstaff L); s. e. on Rt#16; (view * Bigelow Range and Sugarloaf Mtn.)-- N. Anson; *US#201A--Norridgewock (Side trips: from Kingfield to Foster Hill, on Rt#145); w. on US#2 to Farmington; (side trip: Rt#156 or #142 to Mt. Blue--rd. from Weld to Mtn.); Rt#4 to Rangeley (view *Saddleback Mtn.); w. to Oquossoc (or State Park rd. s. of Rangeley); Rt#17 s. (height overlooking Mooselookmeguntic Lake)--Mexico; US#2 w.--Bethel.

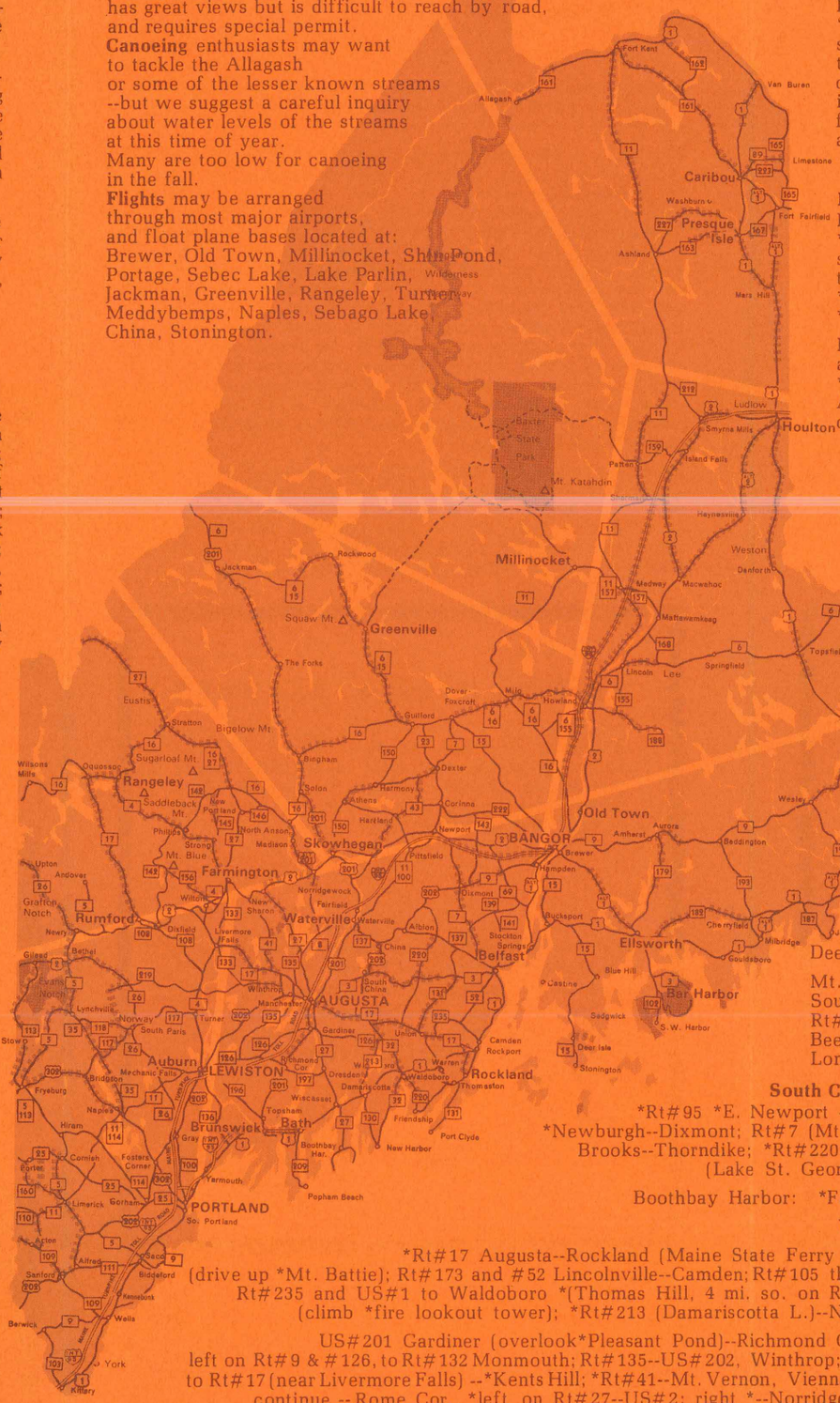
South West:
*Rt#109, N. H. border--Sanford (Mt. Hope Rd); *US#202--Alfred (Gore Rd)--s. Waterboro(off US#202 at blinker, to top of West Rd)--E. Waterboro; *Rt#5--Waterboro Ctr (Ossipee Mtn.) --Limerick; n.--Rt#25, w.--Kezar Falls; s.--*Rt#160 -- Limerick; Rt#11 -- W. Newfield; *s. -- Shapleigh (Mousam L) -- Rt#109.

Kennebunk: Summer St: Kennebunkport; Maine St (town scenes); along the Mousam and Kennebunk Rivers.

York; York St, Lindsay Rd (town scenes); Long Sands Rd; Cape Neddick R; Mt. Agamenticus.

*US#302 Fryeburg e. -- Naples; *Rt#35 n. -- Harrison; *Rt#117--Norway area (side trip: *Rt#118 & #37 -- Waterford & return); (visit Pikes Hill; Frost Hill; Norway Center Rd); n. on rd *w. of Pennesseewassee L. *--Greenwood; Rt*219 thru W. Paris -- Rt#26 -- Bethel (Paradise Hill; Picnic Area on US#2 n. of Bethel; side trip: Rt#26 -- Grafton Notch State Park; -- Upton); US#2--Gilead; Rt#113 s. thru Evans Notch part of White Mtn Nat'l Forest, -- Stow, e. & *n., loop around *Kezar L; *Rt#5 s. thru Lovell -- Fryeburg (Pine Hill; Jocky Cap).

Northwestern Maine:
has great views but is difficult to reach by road, and requires special permit.
Canoeing enthusiasts may want to tackle the Allagash or some of the lesser known streams --but we suggest a careful inquiry about water levels of the streams at this time of year.
Many are too low for canoeing in the fall.
Flights may be arranged through most major airports, and float plane bases located at: Brewer, Old Town, Millinocket, Shin Pond, Portage, Sebec Lake, Lake Parlin, Jackman, Greenville, Rangeley, Turner, Meddybemps, Naples, Sebago Lake, China, Stonington.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Plenty of accommodations are available in Maine during Fall Foliage time. Motels, hotels, inns, often are year 'round operations, yet, because the height of the tourist season is over at Labor Day, some facilities close shortly thereafter, so vacationers are urged to contact Chambers of Commerce or the Maine Publicity Bureau for reservation information. Many sporting camps in Maine are open for fall fishing and upland hunting during fall color. Combination visits are popular.

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Northeast:
Presque Isle: *Rt#167--Ft. Fairfield; *US#1A--Caribou; *Rt#89--Limestone; Rt#165--*Hamlin--* Van Buren; US#1 s.--Caribou or rd. to Sweden; *Rt#161--Ft. Kent (side trip: *Rt#162--Long L. and Frenchville), (section between *St. Frances--Allagash may be worth continuing Rt#161); *Rt#11 s. --Rt#163 e. --Presque Isle.

Presque Isle: *US#1 s. (Aroostook State Park)--Houlton, and return, take US#1A at Mars Hill *--Ft. Fairfield (visit *Aroostook Valley Country Club; Whitney Hill, Rt#1A; Aroostook Falls Rd.) Rt#167--Presque Isle. (*Hardy Hill, outer State St; *Haystack Mtn, 10 mi. on Rt#163 or #227).

Central East:
US#2 *Ludlow s. to Macwahoc; US#2A to Haynesville; secondary rd.--Danforth; *US#1 n. (Weston, height near Peekaboo Mtn, Chiputneticook Lakes)--Houlton.

Int#95 at Rt#43 or #16 near Old Town, n.--Sherman Mills; Rt#158 -- US#2, n.*--Ludlow; *Int#95 w.--Smyrna Mills; Rt#212--Knowles Cor; *Rt#11--Patten; *Rt#159--Island Falls interchange *Int#95--Medway; *Rt#116--Howland; *--W. Enfield, *US#2--Old Town. Side trips: W. Enfield, Rt#188--Lowell; Lincoln: Hale St. Hill, Fish Hill (Transalpine Rd.); Rt#6 Lincoln--Lee; continue--US#1, s. a few mi, turn and head n; views entering and leaving Topsfield.

South East:
*Ft. Knox; --*Bucksport (view down river); US#1 -- Rt#182, *Franklin -- Unionville; US#1, (*hill 2 mi. w. of Machias) -- W. Pembroke; Rt#214 -- *Meddybemps (Damon Ridge); continue to unnumbered side rd. near Grove -- Alexander (or Rt#191 to Baring); Rt#9 through *Crawford -- Wesley; and *Beddington -- Aurora; *Rt#179 through Waltham; *US#1A, -- Ellsworth Falls -- E. Holden (Dedham Bald Mtn.).

Deer Isle, Sunshine Rd (Hardscrabble Hill).

Mt. Desert Island, Acadia Nat'l Park. Cadillac Mtn; Somes Sound from Sargeant Drive; Paradise Hill; Champlain Mtn; Rt#198 view across Upper Hadlock Pond; view from Beech Cliff and Beech Mtn. S.W. Harbor. Fernald Point; Long Pond Rd; Boathouse dock looking up Somes Sound.

South Central:
*Rt#95 *E. Newport -- Rt#69 or Hampden interchange to US#202 and Rt#9, *Newburgh--Dixmont; Rt#7 (Mt. Harris, Appleton Ridge Rd.) -- Jackson Cor; -- Rt#139, Brooks--Thorndike; *Rt#220 s. (* halfway between Freedom and Liberty)--*Rt#3, w. (Lake St. George) -- US#202 at S. China--Dixmont; Rt#7--E. Newport.

Boothbay Harbor: *Fall Foliage Excursion Boat trips; *Rt#96 -- Ocean Point.

W. Bath US#1 *Highway Rest Area (Witch Spring Hill).

*Rt#17 Augusta--Rockland (Maine State Ferry Service, to Vinalhaven); US#1--Camden Hills State Park (drive up *Mt. Battie); Rt#173 and #52 Lincolnville--Camden; Rt#105 through Hope and *Appleton--Union Rt#131 *(Clary Hill); Rt#235 and US#1 to Waldoboro *(Thomas Hill, 4 mi. so. on Rt#220; also go *4 mi. so. on Rt#32; Rt#32 to Jefferson (climb *fire lookout tower); *Rt#213 (Damariscotta L.)--Newcastle; US#1 to Wiscasset; Rt#27 return to Augusta.

US#201 Gardiner (overlook*Pleasant Pond)--Richmond Cor, Rt#197 to Litchfield Cor; rd. n. (toward Litchfield), left on Rt#9 & #126, to Rt#132 Monmouth; Rt#135--US#202, Winthrop; *Rt#133--Wayne (side trip: *rd. s. by Androscoggin L.) to Rt#17 (near Livermore Falls) --*Kents Hill; *Rt#41--Mt. Vernon, Vienna; return to Mt. Vernon, inquire way to *Blueberry Hill; continue -- Rome Cor, *left on Rt#27--US#2; right *--Norridgewock; *Rt#8--Smithfield, *N. Belgrade; return--Augusta. side trips: US#201A n.-- Madison and n. of Anson; Rt#43--US#201 height of land n. of Lakewood. Smithfield: N. Pond; hike Mt. Tom ½ mi. from village; canoe trip up E. Pond Stream).